

Mr. Ely presented the petition of Charity Alderson, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Rogerson presented the petition of Henry Proctor, of Charles county, praying to be placed on the pension list of said county; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act directing in what newspapers publications shall be made of description of trespassing estrays. Ordered, That Messrs. Edelen, Teackle and Gale, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the opening of a street in Hagerstown. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, Kershner and Brookhart, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Tilghman, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the commissioners of the school fund for Queen-Anne's county, and to encourage the establishment of free schools in said county. Ordered, That Messrs. Tilghman, Brown of Queen-Anne's and Thomas of Queen-Anne's, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That his excellency the governor be requested to cause the act, entitled, An act for taking testimony in cases of divorce, to be printed three times in two newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, and in one newspaper in each of the counties in which a newspaper is published.

On motion by Mr. Wallis, Ordered, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of the license on billiard tables to fifty dollars per year, excepting on such tables as are kept within any one of the cities of this state, or within the precincts or suburbs thereof.

The speaker laid before the house reports from the sheriffs of Kent and Montgomery counties, relative to the several sums of money paid by them into the public treasury within the year ending on the 30th of November; which were read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

And a communication from the chancellor, transmitting the returns of the election held in Somerset county, in obedience to an order of the house; which was read and referred to the committee on elections.

Mr. Montgomery reported a bill, entitled, An act authorising and empowering the commissioners of Harford county